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REMARKS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE RECEPTION FOR THE
AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE INAUGURATION GIVEN AT THE
RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA. NOVEMBER
30, 1976.

MR. AMBASSADOR, EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
I WOULD LIKE (THIS IS A NOISY GROUP, LAUGHS) I WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU ALL AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR COMING HERE TO SEE US. MY WIFE AND I ARE ALWAYS HAPPY
TO VISIT MEXICO WHERE WE HAD OUR HONEYMOON AND WHERE WE
HAVE SPENT SO MANY HAPPY OCCASIONS AND OUR COUNTRY HAS SUCH
PROFOUND TIES TO THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
MEXICO WHICH ARE SYMBOLIZED BY THE PRESENCE HERE OF THE
SON OF OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT MR. JACK FORD AND THE WIFE OF
THE PRESIDENT-ELECT MRS. CARTER. NOTHING COULD EXPRESS
MORE PROFOUNDLY THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES
ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE
AND TO ITS VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO ITS GROWING;

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COMPLICATED, DIFFICULT, OCCASIONALLY CANTANKEROUS BUT ALWAYS

CLOSE FRIENDS IN MEXICO.

WE LIVE IN A PERIOD IN WHICH WE HAVE TO FIND PEACE
IN THE MIDST OF IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICTS AND WE HAVE TO STRIVE
FOR PROGRESS WHEN THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN PEOPLE AND
WITHIN COUNTRIES ARE ENORMOUS AND WE MUST GIVE EXPRESSION
TO THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS AT A TIME WHEN THE
PRIDE OF NATIONS HAVENEVER BEEN MORE PRONOUNCED.

IN THIS RESPECT, OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN
MEXICO ARE OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE. WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH EACH
OTHER ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT. WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE
THAT WE WILL NOT ALWAYS SEE THINGS INDENTICALLY AND HOW
IS THAT POSSIBLE, ANYWAY, IN A NATION OF SOME 70 MILLION
ANARCHISTIC INDIVIDUALISTS (LAUGHS) BUT WE MUST ALSO
RECOGNIZE THAT OUR DESTINIES ARE LINKED AND THAT WE
CAN SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD HOW PROUD NATIONS
CAN COOPERATE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY THREE DECADES PERIODS OF
TRANSITION IN MEXICO AND IN THE UNITED STATES COINCIDE
AND JUST AS THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY IS TAKING PLACE IN
MEXICO WITH DIGNITY AND WITH CONTINUITY AND WITH THE
ASSURANCE THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE MAINTAINED, SO I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PEACE, OF PROGRESS,
OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT REFLECT THE VIEWS
OF ALL AMERICANS. THEY DO NOT REFLECT THE VIEW OF A SINGLE
PARTY AND, AFTER ALL, THE FIRST TIME THAT I MET OUR
PRESIDENT-ELECT WHEN ONLY HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO RUN
FOR PRESIDENT (LAUGH) I HEARD HIM GIVE AN ADDRESS IN
SPANISH TO A GROUP OF DIPLOMATS FROM THE WESTERN
HEMISPHERE SIGNIFYING HIS OWN COMMITMENT TO THE CLOSER
RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SO, IN THANKING ONCE AGAIN MR. FORD AND MRS. CARTER FOR
JOINING US I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE MEXICAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO THE
HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND TO THE
HEALTH AND SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO.
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MRS. CARTER WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD OF GREETING.

"ES UN GRAN PLACER PARA MI ESTAR AQUI CON USTEDES. LA
SESION (APLAUSOS) LA SESION HA ESTADO TREMENDIOSO (MY WORD)
YO NO HABLO MUCHO EL ESPENAOL PERO CUANDO MI ESPOSO
ES EL PRESIDENTE EN EL ANO PROXIMO, YO VOY A ESTUDIARLO
MAY ENTONCES VOLVERE A VISITAR OTRA VEZ. THANK YOUR
VERY MUCH..

KISSINGER

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